GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:785
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REPRESENTATION OF AIPEA TO WITHDRAW ELECTRICITY BILL
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Power Engineers Association has asked the Government to withdraw the Electricity Bill, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the said association has demanded that Government should not go for privatization in power sector; and

(c) if so, the Government`s response in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : In the Conference of Chief Ministers/Power Ministers held in March2001, it was resolved inter alia that commercial viability has to be achieved in distribution in 2-3 years through any or all of the following :

- Creating Profit Centres with full accountability

- Handing over of local distribution to Panchayats/Local Bodies/Franchisees/Users Associations, wherever necessary

- Privatisation of distribution

- Or any other means.

The Electricity Bill, 2001 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 30.8.2001 andwas referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy.